

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Western District of North Carolina

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Western District of NC

United States of America)

v.)

(1) Omar CARRILLO-Villagrana, also known as)
Christian Omar Santiago Vega,)

(2) Salvador MARTINEZ-Yanez, and)

(3) Beczanice Gegzemany SALAZAR-Camacho)

Case No. 3:16-mj- 464

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of 2016 to the present in the county of Mecklenburg in the
Western District of North Carolina, the defendant(s) violated:*Code Section*

21 U.S.C. 846, 841(a), 841(b)(1)(A)

*Offense Description*Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute more than 500 grams of
methamphetamine and more than 5 kilograms of cocaine.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.

Complainant's signature

Dwayne Spears, HSI Task Force Officer

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 12/20/2016

Judge's signature

City and state: Charlotte, North CarolinaU.S. Magistrate Judge David S. Cayer

Printed name and title

ATTACHMENT A:
Affidavit in Support of Criminal Complaint and Arrest Warrants for
(1) Omar CARILLO-Villagrana, also known as Christian Omar Santiago Vega,
(2) Salvador MARTINEZ-Yanez, and (3) Beczanice Gegzemany SALAZAR-Camacho

I, Dwayne Spears, Detective with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD) and Task Force Officer (TFO) of the United States Department of Homeland Security, U.S Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), being duly sworn, state as follows:

BACKGROUND/INTRODUCTION

1. The information contained in this Affidavit is provided for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause in support of a criminal complaint and arrest warrants for (1) Omar CARILLO-Villagrana, also known as Christian Omar Santiago Vega, (2) Salvador MARTINEZ-Yanez, and (3) Beczanice Gegzemany SALAZAR-Camacho. Therefore, I have not included each and every fact known to me concerning this investigation.

2. I am an investigator or law enforcement officer of the United States within the meaning of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2510(7), that is, an officer of the United States who is empowered to conduct investigations of, and to make arrests for, the offenses enumerated in Title 8, 18, 19, 21, 31 United States Code and other related offenses. I have eighteen (18) years of law enforcement experience. I am presently a sworn officer with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department in Charlotte, North Carolina, currently assigned to the Covert Operations Division, where I have been assigned since March of 2005. I am also currently assigned as a TFO with the HSI Task Force, Narcotics and Bulk Cash Smuggling Group. I have conducted eighty (80) or more narcotics investigations on both the state and federal level with the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office and the United States Attorney's Office in Charlotte, North Carolina.

3. Through training and experience, I have become familiar with the methods and schemes employed by narcotics dealers to obtain, smuggle and distribute illegal narcotics. I have also become familiar with and utilized a wide variety of investigative techniques, including the use of pen registers, trap and trace devices, and wire communications intercepts. I am currently one of the assigned case agents of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) investigation. This OCDETF is comprised of agents of HSI, as well as representatives from various federal, state, county, and city police agencies. This investigation involves an organization primarily comprised of Mexican nationals involved in the smuggling and distribution of cocaine, methamphetamine, and other narcotics to the Western Judicial District of North Carolina, and elsewhere, and the transport of large amounts of U.S. currency back to Mexico.

SYNOPSIS OF INVESTIGATION

4. On October 21, 2016, the investigative team interviewed a cooperating defendant ("CD") who has pleaded guilty to a drug trafficking conspiracy in this district. During the course of this investigation, the CD has provided actionable intelligence that has resulted in the arrest of a large-scale methamphetamine trafficker and the seizure of approximately 9 kilograms of methamphetamine and 4 firearms. The cooperator's information has been corroborated to the extent possible through traditional investigative means, and none of his/her information has been found to be false; thus, he is considered credible and reliable.

5. The CD outlined the overall structure of the organization for which he was apart and identified Miguel NORONA-Gonzalez of 1720 Darbrook Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina, as transporter, and Salvador MARTINEZ-Yanez as a large-scale distributor, both working at the direction of Omar CARILLO-Villagrana.

6. CARILLO-Villagrana has a previous federal from Detroit, Michigan (Docket Number 2:10-cr-20377-BAF-MAR), for Conspiracy to Distribute 500 Grams or More of Cocaine, for which he was sentenced to 5 years of imprisonment and was then deported from the United States.

7. MARTINEZ-Yanez has a prior conviction from 2012 in Mecklenburg County for Attempted Trafficking in Schedule II controlled substances (Class G felony).

8. According to the aforementioned CD: CARILLO-Villagrana, whom I have confirmed has a previous federal drug conviction from Michigan as a result of his involvement in a cocaine distribution investigation, served a prison sentence of approximately 5 years before being deported from the United States maintains sources of supply for methamphetamine and cocaine in Mexico.

9. Following the interview with the CD, the CD lead investigators to NORONA-Gonzalez's residence where he recalled having seen NORONA-Gonzalez possess kilogram quantities of methamphetamine in a freezer located in a storage room behind his house. NORONA-Gonzalez was packaging the methamphetamine to take to one of CARILLO-Villagrana's distributors in Asheville, North Carolina.

10. The CD identified several vehicles as being utilized by NORONA-Gonzalez to transport narcotics and United States currency, including two registered in his wife's name. Law enforcement observed one of the vehicles identified by the CD being operated by MARTINEZ-Yanez. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration has utilized a confidential source to conduct two controlled purchases of narcotics from MARTINEZ-Yanez. During the second of those purchases, MARTINEZ-Yanez was driving a vehicle on which the investigative team on December 1, 2016, obtained authorization to use a car tracking device. Also, on December 1,

2016, the investigative team conducted surveillance and followed MARTINEZ-Yanez as he departed NORONA-Gonzalez's residence.

11. On December 6, 2016, law enforcement observed CARILLO-Villagrana, NORONA-Gonzalez, and MARTINEZ-Yanez meet at the Riviera restaurant on Albemarle Road in Charlotte. During the course of their meeting, law enforcement received information from a confidential informant ("CI #1"). (CI #1's information has been corroborated to the extent possible through traditional investigative means, and has led to the arrest of narcotics traffickers and the seizure of narcotics; therefore, because his information has never been found to be untruthful or unreliable, I submit that he/she is credible and reliable.) CI #1 reported that CARILLO-Villagrana, while meeting with NORONA-Gonzalez and MARTINEZ-Yanez, introduced himself to CI #1 as "Christian," provided CI #1 with a cellular telephone number, and quoted CI #1 a price of \$35,000 for a kilogram of cocaine.

12. On December 7, 2016, law enforcement utilized CI #1 to make a series of monitored and recorded telephone calls to CARILLO-Villagrana to facilitate an undercover controlled purchase of methamphetamine from CARILLO-Villagrana. During the course of the calls, CARILLO-Villagrana agreed to provide CI #1 with a sample of methamphetamine and would have his courier, who would be operating a white Nissan truck, make the delivery. This is significant because NORONA-Gonzalez operated a white Nissan truck.

13. On December 7, 2016, law enforcement executed a search warrant issued by the Honorable David S. Cayer, United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of North Carolina, at the Public Self Storage, Unit L42, located at 5301 Sharon Amity, Charlotte, North Carolina, which is leased in NORONA-Gonzalez's wife's name. As a result of the search, law enforcement seized approximately 5 kilograms of methamphetamine, 1 kilogram of cocaine and

1 pound of marijuana.

14. Based on the aforementioned seizure, law enforcement conducted a knock and talk at NORONA-Gonzalez's residence and gained his cooperation with the investigation. Members of the investigative team conducted a non-custodial interview of NORONA-Gonzalez, who stated the following: He (NORONA-Gonzalez) worked at the direction of CARILLO-Villagrana and had trafficked in excess of 50 kilograms of methamphetamine at CARILLO-Villagrana's direction. NORONA-Gonzalez had supplied MARTINEZ-Yanez with approximately 3 kilograms of methamphetamine and 5-6 kilograms of cocaine at CARILLO-Villagrana's direction. (I submit that, because the statement was against his own penal interest, NORONA-Gonzalez's confession is credible and reliable.)

15. While NORONA-Gonzalez was being interviewed, and in close proximity to the calls with CI #1 arranging the controlled purchase, CARILLO-Villagrana made several attempts to call NORONA-Gonzalez in what investigators believe were failed attempts to have NORONA-Gonzalez deliver methamphetamine to CI #1.

16. During the course of the interview of NORONA-Gonzalez, law enforcement established surveillance of SALVADOR-Yanez and Elizabeth Recillas HERNANDEZ at 2323 Milton Road, Charlotte, North Carolina. A short time later, investigators observed MARTINEZ-Yanez remove a package from a truck -- which known to be outfitted with a non-factory installed hidden compartment that had been previously utilized by MARTINEZ-Yanez to deliver narcotics -- and take it inside the residence. A few minutes later, HERNANDEZ departed in the same truck and law enforcement conducted a traffic stop. A subsequent consent search resulted in the discovery and seizure of approximately 2 ounces of cocaine from the hidden compartment. HERNANDEZ agreed to cooperate with law enforcement and granted investigators consent to

search her residence. Agents seized \$163,975 in U.S. currency as a result of the search and transported HERNANDEZ to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department.

17. On December 13, 2016, law enforcement received information from a second confidential informant ("CI #2"). (CI #2's information has been corroborated to the extent possible through traditional investigative means, and has led to the arrest of narcotics traffickers and the seizure of narcotics; therefore, because his information has never been found to be untruthful or unreliable, I submit that he/she is credible and reliable.) CI #2 stated that MARTINEZ-Yanez had contacted CI #2 to discuss future narcotics transactions and agreed to meet CI #2 that evening.

18. At approximately 6:30 pm, CI #2 and an undercover officer (UC) met with MARTINEZ-Yanez and Beczanice Gegzemany SALAZAR-Camacho at a McDonald's Restaurant located in Salisbury, North Carolina. SALAZAR-Camacho served as an interpreter between MARTINEZ-Yanez and CI #2 and the UC, translating the Spanish language to English and the English language to Spanish for the parties. MARTINEZ-Yanez, through the services of SALAZAR-Camacho, informed CI #2 and the UC that HERNANDEZ had been arrested and that SALAZAR-Camacho would be assisting MARTINEZ-Yanez in the future then negotiated a transaction involving 5 kilograms of cocaine to occur on December 18, 2016 for a price of \$36,500 per kilogram.

19. At the conclusion of the meeting, law enforcement followed MARTINEZ-Yanez and SALAZAR-Camacho away and conducted a vehicle stop. MARTINEZ-Yanez was arrested for outstanding warrants for trafficking in cocaine from York County, South Carolina, and a search of their vehicle resulted in the seizure of approximately 1 ounce of cocaine and \$12,000 in United States currency. MARTINEZ-Yanez provided a post-Miranda statement that he had

been in meetings with CARILLO-Villagrana but, due to his concerns for the safety of his family, refused to state in what capacity. SALAZAR-Camacho provided a post-Miranda confession that she was to be paid \$200 to translate what she knew to be a multi-kilogram cocaine transaction.

CONCLUSION

Based upon training, experience, and the facts of this investigation, I submit that there is probable cause for a criminal complaint against, and arrest warrants for, **Defendants (1) Omar CARILLO-Villagrana, also known as Christian Omar Santiago Vega, (2) Salvador MARTINEZ-Yanez, and (3) Beczanice Gegzemany SALAZAR-Camacho**, for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute at least 500 grams of methamphetamine and at least five (5) kilograms of cocaine, both Schedule II controlled substances, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 846, 841(a), and 841(b)(1)(A); therefore, I request that the Court issue the same.



AFFIANT, TASK FORCE OFFICER DWAYNE SPEARS
HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS

AUSA Steven R. Kaufman has reviewed this Affidavit.

Subscribed and sworn to by me this 20th day of December 2016.



THE HONORABLE DAVID S. CAYER
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE